(e) and (f) Under NRCP, project amounting to Rs. 23.60 crore has been received from the State Government for the "Interception, Diversion and Treatment" scheme for Kota town. Since the project is to be taken up on 70:30 cost sharing pattern, the State Government are required to furnish their commitment to bear 30% of the project cost. A project proposal amounting to Rs. 28.5 lakhs has also been received from the State Government for the "Solid Waste Management" scheme in Kota. The project proposal has been sent back to the State Government for revising the same as per the guidelines of the Ministry.

Recently, the Government of Rajasthan has forwarded project profile reports for four lakes namely, Annasagar, Pushkar (both in Ajmer), Pichchola (Udaipur) and Nakki (Mt. Abu) to this Ministry for taking up under NLCP. The total estimated cost of these project proposals is Rs. 225.17 crore. In response, the State Government has been requested to submit the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the lake proposals along with firm cost estimates.

Proposal for establishing Tiger Reserve

2322. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether competent authority of Kerala has submitted proposal for establishing a tiger reserve covering Parambikulam and Chinnar Sanctuaries, Eravikulam National Park and Indira Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the above proposal has been sanctioned; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. State Governments of Kerala and Tamil Nadu had submitted proposals for establishing Tiger Reserves covering Parambikulam, Chinnar Sanctuaries and Eravikulam National Park of Kerala, and Anamalai Wildlife Sanctuary of Tamil Nadu.

(c) 'In principle' approval has been accorded for the same.

(d) Question does not arise.

Red Jungle Fowls

2323. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where Red Jungle Fowls (Jungli Murga) are found;

(b) whether there is a sharp line in the number of Red Jungle Fowls and this bird comes under the category of endangered species;

(c) if so, the action being taken by the Wild Life Institute, Dehradun for their protection and study in this regard; and

(d) the number of such Red Jungle Fowls in the forest areas of Chhattisgarh alongwith the details of their inhabitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Red Jungle Fowl has a very wide distribution and is mainly found in the States of Andhra Predesh (Northern Parts), Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Predesh, Jammu and Kashmir (Jammu Region), Jharkhand, Madhya Predesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Orissa, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal.

(b) No scientific study on population estimate of Red Jungle Fowl is available. However, on the basis of lesser sightings of the bird in its natural habitat, a decline in its population appears to have taken place. Red Jungle Fowl is not an endangered species.

(c) Wildlife Institute of India, Dehardun has taken up a research project on the conservation of Red Jungle Fowl with the objectives of assessing the status and distribution of Red Jungle Fowl in India, identification of pure Red Jungle Fowl population by molecular genetic studies and proposing a conservation action plan for the identified Red Jungle Fowl populations.

(d) No population estimates of Red Jungle Fowl in Chhattisgarh are available. Main areas holding Red Jungle Fowl populations in Chhattisgarh are as follows:—